



USATT Rules of Table Tennis

1. Applicability

1.1. This document, the *USATT Rules of Table Tennis*, shall apply to competition sanctioned by USATT, except for competition which is required to follow the ITTF rules.

2. Adoption of ITTF Rules

2.1. The ITTF *Laws of Table Tennis* and the ITTF *Regulations for International Competitions* shall apply, unless superseded by an amendment in this document.

3. USATT Amendments to the ITTF Laws

3.1. The ITTF *Laws of Table Tennis* shall apply, with the amendments in this section.

3.2. A Point

3.2.1. Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point

3.2.1.1. if an opponent deliberately disturbs the conditions of play in a way which could affect the outcome of the rally.

3.3. Play may be interrupted by a service judge to inform the umpire of a service violation.

4. USATT Amendments to the ITTF Regulations

4.1. The ITTF *Regulations for International Competitions* shall apply, with the amendments in this section.

4.2. Approved and Authorised Equipment

4.2.1. The entry form or prospectus for all tournaments shall specify the brands and colours of table, net assembly and ball to be used. All such equipment must be of brands and types currently approved by either the ITTF or USATT.

4.3. Playing Conditions

4.3.1. The playing space shall be rectangular and not less than 9.2m long, 4.6m wide (30ft long, 15ft wide) and 5m high.

4.3.2. The light intensity, measured at the height of the playing surface, shall be at least 300 lux in the entire playing area.

- 4.3.3. The flooring may be of rubber, rubberized synthetic material, wood, tile or concrete. The entry form or prospectus shall specify the type of flooring to be used.
- 4.4. Advertisements and Markings
- 4.4.1. Advertisements on playing clothing shall be limited to
- 4.4.1.1. Not more than 10 clearly separated advertisements, contained within a combined total area of 600cm², on the front, side or shoulder of a shirt, with no more than 6 advertisements on the front.
- 4.5. Match Officials
- 4.5.1. Optionally, service judges may be appointed for a match.
- 4.5.2. If service judges are appointed:
- 4.5.2.1. There shall be two service judges.
- 4.5.2.2. One service judge shall be positioned at each end of the court.
- 4.5.2.3. For each rally, the service judge on the end opposite the server is active. The service judge on the same end as the server is inactive.
- 4.5.2.4. The active service judge may inform the umpire that a player's service action is illegal.
- 4.6. Intervals
- 4.6.1. In an individual event the request for a time-out may be made by the player or pair or by the designated adviser; in a team event it may be made by the player or pair or anyone authorised to be at the playing area.
- 4.7. Seeding
- 4.7.1. Seeding shall follow the order of the latest ranking list published by USATT at the time of the initial draw of the competition.
- 4.7.2. Unrated players may be seeded by estimated ranking, at the discretion of the Referee.
- 4.7.3. Exceptionally, seeding may utilize ITTF ranking points, ITTF rating points, or a combination of ITTF points and USATT rankings, at the discretion of the Referee.
- 4.7.4. In the event that there is a tie in ranking, the tie shall be broken by lot unless otherwise specified by the tournament management committee.
- 4.8. Separation by Association
- 4.8.1. Nominated players and pairs of the same Association shall, as far as possible, be separated so that they cannot meet before the closing rounds of an event.
- 4.8.2. Remaining entries shall be separated at all stages until the closing rounds.
- 4.9. Alterations to the Draw
- 4.9.1. Vacancies in round robin groups may be filled by moving or adding players, at the Referee's discretion.